

Having, thus, described the invention, what is claimed is:

- 1 1. A tree seat apparatus, comprising:
  - 2 a frame comprising a seat support member,
  - 3 an attachment member for attaching the frame to a tree, and
  - 4 a seat cushion for operatively attaching to said seat support member, said seat cushion
  - 5 comprising an envelope with a gas sealed therein; and
  - 6 a reinforcing member situated below said envelope;
  - 7 wherein said envelope extends over an area which substantially covers said reinforcing
  - 8 member.
- 1 2. The tree seat apparatus of claim 1, wherein the seat cushion includes at least two adjacent
- 2 chambers, and wherein each of the chambers is independently sealed.
- 1 3. The tree seat apparatus of claim 1, wherein the envelope has a flexible foam therein.
- 1 4. The tree seat apparatus of claim 1, wherein the reinforcing member comprises a layer of
- 2 foam material below the envelope.
- 1 5. The tree seat apparatus of claim 4, wherein the seat cushion further comprises a top layer of
- 2 foam material above the envelope, and wherein the foam material of the reinforcing member is
- 3 denser than the foam material of the top foam layer.

1 6. A seat cushion for use with a tree seat apparatus, said seat cushion comprising:  
2 a sealed envelope containing an entrapped gas;  
3 a layer of flexible, resilient foam above the sealed envelope and defining a  
4 top foam layer;  
5 a reinforcing member below the sealed envelope, said reinforcing member  
6 comprising a material which is denser than the foam of the top foam layer; and  
7 a protective outer layer covering the sealed envelope, the top foam layer,  
8 and the reinforcing member.

1 7. The seat cushion of claim 6, wherein said outer layer comprises a fabric material.

1 8. The seat cushion of claim 6, wherein the reinforcing member comprises a resilient closed  
2 cell foam.

1 9. The seat cushion of claim 6, wherein the sealed envelope comprises at least two separate  
2 chambers.

1 10. The seat cushion of claim 8, wherein the sealed envelope comprises at least two separate  
2 chambers.

1 11. The tree seat apparatus of claim 6, wherein the sealed envelope has a flexible resilient  
2 foam material therein.

1 12. A tree seat apparatus, comprising  
2 a frame comprising a seat support member,  
3 an attachment member which is operatively connectable to the frame for removably  
4 attaching the frame to a tree, and  
5 a seat cushion for operatively attaching to said seat support member and comprising:  
6 a sealed envelope containing an entrapped gas;  
7 a layer of flexible, resilient foam above the sealed envelope and defining a top  
8 foam layer;  
9 a reinforcing member comprising a foam material, said reinforcing member being  
10 situated below the sealed envelope and formed from a foam which is denser than  
11 the top foam layer; and  
12 a protective outer layer covering the reinforcing member, the sealed envelope and  
13 the top foam layer.

1 13. The tree seat apparatus of claim 12, wherein the seat cushion outer layer comprises a fabric  
2 material.

1 14. The tree seat apparatus of claim 12, wherein the seat cushion outer layer comprises a  
2 water-resistant liner.

1 15. The tree seat apparatus of claim 12, wherein the attachment member comprises at least one  
2 restraining device selected from the group consisting of belts, cables and chains.

1 16. The tree seat of claim 12, wherein the sealed envelope comprises at least two separate  
2 chambers.

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1 17. The tree seat apparatus of claim 1, wherein the envelope is substantially permanently  
2 sealed.

1 18. The tree seat apparatus of claim 6, wherein the envelope is substantially permanently  
2 sealed.

1 19. The tree seat apparatus of claim 6, wherein that the protective outer layer  
2 completely covers and encloses the sealed envelope.